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PATENT

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In Re Patent Application of:

Gupta et al.

Application No.: 10/809,244

Filed: March 25, 2004

For: NETWORK DEVICE, CARRIER MEDIUM AND
METHODS FOR INCREMENTALLY
UPDATING A FORWARDING DATABASE
THAT IS SPLIT INTO A BOUNDED NUMBER
OF SUB-DATABASES HAVING A BOUNDED
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed January 11, 2007, applicant has been required to elect one of the following two groups of claims pursuant to a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121:


Group 1: Claims 1-7; and**Group 2:** Claims 8-24.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group 2 without traverse, and hereby cancels the claims of Group 1 without prejudice and to pursue in a related application. Claims 8-24 remain pending. A listing of the claims consonant with the foregoing election is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 501914 for any fee due in connection with this response

Respectfully submitted,

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